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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB92

Chairperson: Senator Lynne Walz

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2021

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 92 amends Section 85-502, which currently establishes residence requirements for state postsecondary educational institutions, and Section 85-607 that prohibits the denial of admission of home school students into publicly funded colleges or universities if they meet testing requirements.

Currently, under Sec. 85-502, high school students who graduate from a Nebraska public or private high school are assumed to be residents of Nebraska for purposes of in-state tuition rates at our postsecondary educational institutions. Home school graduates, under Sec. 79-1601 are *not* assumed to be residents for tuition purposes and are required to separately apply for in-state tuition. This differential treatment has caused delays and confusion for Nebraska home school graduates during their admissions process.

LB 92 addresses this problem by including home school graduates in Sec. 85-502, treating them the same as Nebraska public and private school graduates in regards to residency. Additionally, this bill strengthens Sec. 85-607 by adding non-discrimination language against disparate treatment of any student on the basis of being home school educated.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Robert Clements